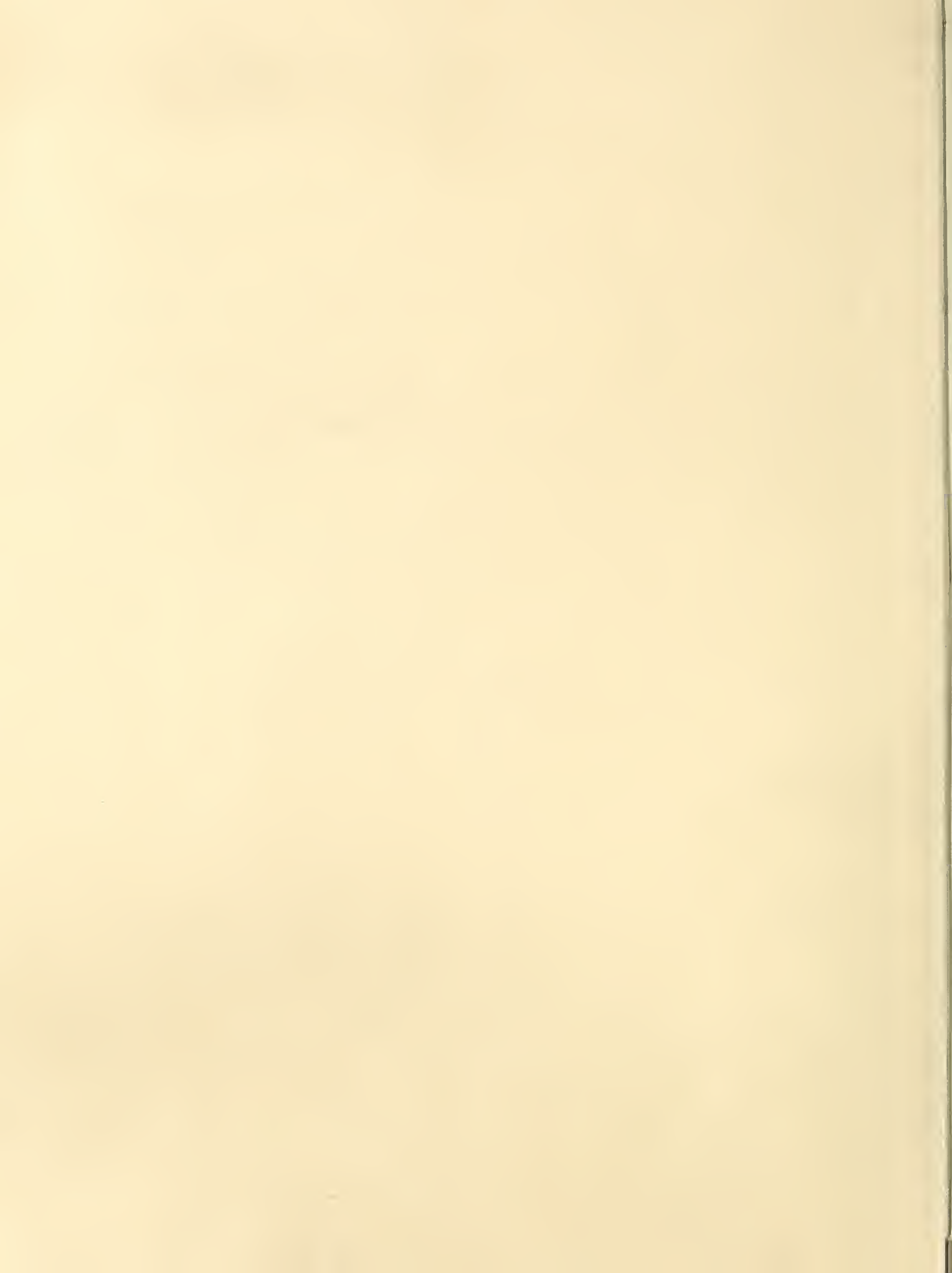


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RATION POINT RECORDS.

With the New Year bringing in an increase in the need for point rationing, it will be a great advantage to start the year's operations with a careful record of point usage and storeroom inventory. For this reason and for the benefit of those who were not on our mailing list last year, we are again sending you an outline of a system of record keeping which originated in one of the successful cafeterias in a large West Coast industrial area.

If allotments are pro-rated over the entire period and weekly inventories kept, the rationing situation can be kept well in hand. Then there will be less likelihood of meatless or sugarless weeks.

The accompanying sheets are only a suggested plan whereby the minimum data necessary may be accumulated to maintain proper controls for recording each item and computing balance.

THE 1945 OUTLOOK

The total civilian supply of food in 1945 is expected to continue about the same as in 1944 when per capita civilian consumption has been at least 7% above the pre-war average, 1935-39. Eggs will be plentiful, with poultry down a little. Pork will be down sharply while better cuts of beef will increase with total meat consumption lower than 1944 but higher than the pre-war figure. Canned vegetables will be lower in first part of '45 and may continue so depending on military needs. Fresh vegetable consumption is expected to fall off in '45, although it seems only logical we should all willingly produce and consume a greater proportion of our vegetables in fresh form while there is a military strain on our commercial canning capacity.

From the nutritional viewpoint, we should count our many blessings, for nutrient consumption of our people is estimated at a higher level now during the war than it was in pre-war years. There is every reason to believe, with intelligent food selection and a willingness to use alternates for some of the commodities which are in short supply because of military needs, that we can keep right on improving the country's nutritional status despite the war.

